IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

THE ESTATE OF LUCILLE ANN WALAHOSKI, by and through, THOMAS D. WALAHOSKI, SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR for the heirs and next-of-kin,

4:20-CV-3026

Plaintiff,

vs. ORDER

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN GOOD SAMARITAN SOCIETY f/k/a GOOD SAMARITAN SOCIETY — WOOD RIVER,

Defendant.

This matter is before the Court on the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society's motion to compel arbitration and to stay proceedings (filing 6) pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. § 1 et seq. The Court will grant that motion.

The plaintiff has not responded to the Good Samaritan Society's motion. See NECivR 7.1(b)(1)(B). Failure to file a brief opposing a motion does not confess the motion, but it does preclude the opposing party from contesting the moving party's statement of facts. NECivR 7.1(b)(1)(C). And it's the opposing party's burden to file and serve supporting evidence. NECivR 7.1(b)(2)(A). Here, the Court has nothing to contradict the Good Samaritan Society's prima facie case for arbitrability—that is, that there was an agreement to arbitrate between the Good Samaritan Society and the plaintiff's decedent (signed by her son, the plaintiff's special administrator) and that the specific dispute here (negligence) falls within the scope of that agreement. See Express Scripts, Inc.

v. Aegon Direct Mktg. Servs., 516 F.3d 695, 699-700 (8th Cir. 2008). Accordingly, the Court concludes that this matter is subject to arbitration, and will compel arbitration pursuant to 9 U.S.C. § 4.

IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. The Good Samaritan Society's motion to stay and to compel arbitration (filing 6) is granted.
- 2. The parties are directed to proceed to arbitration in accordance with the terms of the arbitration agreement.
- 3. Every 90 days from the date of this order, counsel for the Good Samaritan Society shall file a report on the Court's docket which explains the current status of the pending arbitration.
- 4. The Clerk of the Court is directed to set an initial status report deadline of June 22, 2020.
- 5. The Clerk of the Court shall close this case for statistical purposes.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2020.

BY THE COURT:

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